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Brother shoots Brother

Two shot dead over property dispute; shooter kills self

Madikeri, Feb. 3 (PS&BCT)- A man in Kodagu fired gunshots at his brother and sister-in-law over property dispute near Murnad village in Kodagu, killing them instantly. He later aimed the gun at his chest and shot himself. The shots were fired from a close range and the shooter died while he was being shifted to a hospital.

The incident occurred at M. Badaga village near Murnad at around 9.15 am. The deceased are 69-year-old Palangiyanda Devaiah, his wife 65-year-old Prema Dechamma, residents of M. Badaga village. The shooter is Devaiah's brother 65-year-old Uthappa alias Thammuni, a resident of Mysuru.

According to eye-witnesses and the Police, the brothers had a long-standing dispute over property and eight years ago, one of the brothers approached the Karnataka High Court. While Devaiah and Dechamma were settled in M. Badaga village, Uthappa is a resident of Mysuru and he is an ex-serviceman. He used to go to Kodagu during the time of estate work.

On Jan. 27, the High Court issued a stay over the property dispute and villagers said that Uthappa was upset about this. This morning, he entered the coffee estate with a gun and fired at his brother and sister-in-law while they were picking coffee berries.

The gunshots were heard by another villager Damayanthi who rushed to the spot and alerted the villagers. By the time villagers came, Devaiah and Prema had died while Uthappa was writhing in pain. Villagers bundled him into a jeep and took him to a hospital in Madikeri. Uthappa died on the way.

Police said that Devaiah and Prema had two children. While their son works in Muscat, their daughter is settled in Kodagu. Madikeri Rural Police visited the spot and the bodies have been sent to Madikeri District Mortuary for post-mortem.

U-19 World Cup: Boys in Blue Create History

Tauranga, Feb. 3- The Indian U-19 Cricket team defeated Australia in the U-19 Cricket World Cup Final-2018 by 8 wickets at the Bay Oval ground in Tauranga, New Zealand today.

The Indian team has created history by winning this prestigious trophy for the fourth time. The tournament has been a dream ride for the Indian boys as they managed to dethrone the oppositions comfortably.

In today's final, India earlier managed to restrict the Aussies to a meagre total of 216 runs, after the Kangaroos elected to

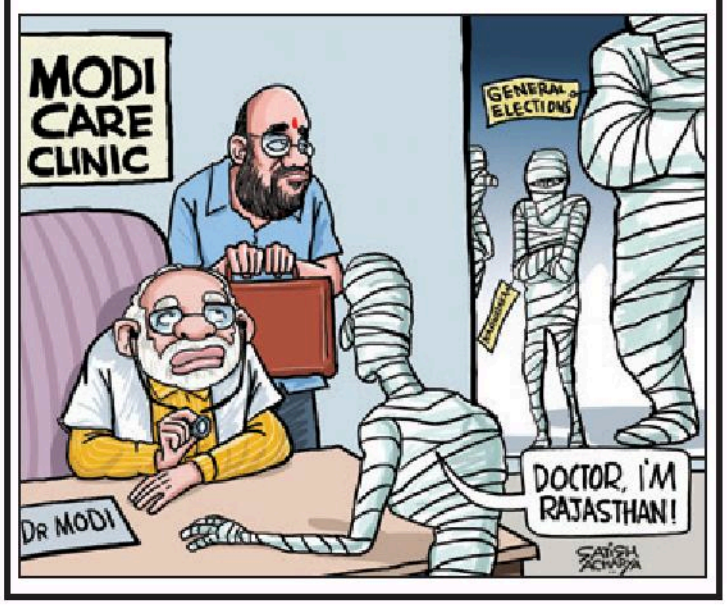
Indian Captain Prithvi Shaw

bat after winning the toss. With disciplined bowling, Ishan Porel, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Shiva Singh and Anukul Roy claimed two wickets each, while Shivam Mavi grabbed one. Jonathan Merlo stood tall for the Australians as he played a patient knock of 76 runs off 102 balls decorated with six boundaries. The Indian bowlers did not give away much freebies and kept their scoring rate in check and bundled them out for 216 runs.

Chasing the target, India got off to a decent start with Skipper Prithvi Shaw (29) and Manjot Kalra who remained unbeaten on 101.

The Boys in Blue under the training of coach Rahul Dravid have conquered this much-awaited title.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



Prez to stay overnight in Mysuru on Feb. 6

To attend Mahamastakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola next day; City cops make security arrangements

Mysuru, Feb.3 (RK&NNN)-President Ram Nath Kovind will land in Mysore Airport at Mandakalli on Feb.6 at 7 pm and after an overnight stay at Government Guest House, will leave for Shravanabelagola to participate in the 88th Mahamastakabhisheka Celebrations on Feb.7.

Ram Nath Kovind

This is the first time the President will be visiting the city though he will not participate in any official event. He will leave New Delhi on Feb.6 at 4 pm in the Air India one aircraft and land at Mysore Airport at 7 pm.

The newly elected Mayor B. Bhagyavathi will receive the President. From there, he will be driven to Government Guest House in Nazarbad where he will stay for the night.

The next day (Feb.7) Kovind will depart for Shravanabelagola at 9 am in a smaller aircraft and land there at 9.45 am.

After participating in Mahamastakabhisheka celebrations, he will leave there at 12 noon, land in Mysore Airport at 12.45 pm and later leave for New Delhi.

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Climbing *down* India's population spiral

Mother earth gives protection to all the living beings without discrimination. Sadly, the same courtesy is not being reciprocated by different classes among the inhabitants, human beings at large asserting their right to enjoy the earth's bounty over the rest. The planet is currently *bearing the load* of an estimated headcount of more than 700 crore with India's share of about 130 crore and counting. Even as the country's population spiral is winding skyward, the imperatives of *climbing down* the spiral are not to be ignored but showing no signs of being accepted for action. The ratio between *haves* and *have-nots*, in the matter of availability of essentials of life, particularly water and food, is getting skewed against the latter section in the country's population in particular and the global mass of humans in general, barring a few regions in the western world. In that backdrop, talk of *equal rights* over earth's resources sounds purely theoretical and academic.

Demography of the country, being in a volatile state, is heading to a scenario of a rising proportion of *urban* residents in the total headcount at an unprecedented rate year-on-year, for which the underlying reasons are not far to seek. Foremost reason is that agriculture, the mainstay of livelihood of the *rustics*, being unremunerative with unattractive income compared to the urban feature. Strategies for keeping in check the populations of these distinct regions are not similar.

Educating the girls in the family is being prescribed in many circles for reducing the upward spiralling of India's population. That prescription has been followed by urban families to an extent that leaves no further scope for its compliance. As far as the rural families are concerned, the advisory of educating girls faces the hurdle of virtual absence of schools and teaching staff in rural parts, barring a minor proportion of prosperous villages where agriculture is robust. The inference that the headcount in any given city tends to be self-limiting due to steeply reduced living space per resident has been belied totally, with any of the metros serving as testimony. Passing laws restricting families from having just one or two issues falls flat because such measures are perceived as regimentation.

In the debate on action aimed at addressing the population spiral, an important point crops up. The ideologues of well-marked faiths and major political parties relentlessly claim share in various privileges under government aegis based on the populations of the respective faiths and activists of the parties. That drives the nail in the coffin of prospects for climbing down the population spiral for all time.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MOVIE ON, POSTER GONE: ***Over the long January 26 weekend, movie-goers in Noida, on the outskirts of Delhi, had a strange encounter. Shaken by threats from Karni Sena against the screening of controversial movie*** *Padmaavat,* ***many multiplex chains decided it would be wise not to display any visible signs — including hoardings, banners and posters — of the film even when they had multiple screenings of the movie in their theatres. Many malls even put up notices proclaiming the movie was not being screened at its theatre, when it was actually running houseful or had several shows lined up. Most disappointed were fans who wanted selfies alongside a poster of the glamorous Deepika Padukone or the sinister Ranveer Singh.*** *— In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Anime art with Microsoft Excel

Tokyo: When people ask Japanese artist Maruraba_2 (his Twitter handle) what drawing and design software he recommends, his answer is always 'Excel'. Many take it as a joke, but only because they have no idea that his incredibly detailed anime art is created exclusively with the spreadsheet program.

To those of us who don't work in accounting or simply hate crunching numbers, because we haven't discovered its true potential. To Twitter user @Maruraba_2, on the other hand, the spreadsheet software is an extremely valuable artistic tool that allows him to create amazing anime-inspired artworks.

Maruraba_2 seems to have a passion for drawing popular anime heroines, and so far, his portfolio includes portraits of Miho Nishino of Girls und Panzer, Eromanga Sensei's Sagiri, Tsuchinoko from Kemono Friends, just to name a few.

African healer arrested !

Conakry: N'na Fanta Camara, a healer from Guinea, in Western Africa, was recently arrested for conning over 700 women into thinking they were pregnant by giving them a strange cocktail of plants and medicines that left them bloated for long periods of time.

Police Colonel Moussa Tiégboro, who led the investigation in this case, told journalists that over 150 women who had sought the healer's help were convinced they were pregnant. 47 of them were taken for an ultrasound, and all of them were shocked to hear that they had no babies in their wombs. "Guinean authorities believe that N'na Fanta Camara is responsible for conning over 700 women aged 17 to 45 into thinking that they were pregnant, but the healer denies these accusations. She claims that she was merely trying to help, and that God is ultimately responsible for a woman falling pregnant. Despite her denial, a court is expected to charge Camara with endangering people's lives.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes ringing in my ears?

Ringing in the ears, or tinnitus, is caused by exposure to excessively loud noise, or the aging process. This causes damage to the tiny, sensitive hair cells in the cochlea portion of the inner ear. It's wise to avoid loud noises or use ear plugs to protect your hearing.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Royal College of Physicians Fellowship to Dr. C. N. Manjunath

Dr. C. N. Manjunath

Mysuru, Feb.3- Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Senior Professor and Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, has been awarded Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow, Scotland (FRCP) for outstanding contribution in the field of Cardiac Sciences. He has performed more than 35,000 Cardiac Procedures, conceptualised and practising Treatment First - Payment Next Concept. He is instrumental in providing affordable cardiac care across the State by establishing Jayadeva Hospitals in Mysuru, Kalaburagi and ESI Colleges. He has to his credit more than 300 publications in National and International Journals and written Chapters for Text Books of Cardiology.

Under his leadership, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has recorded 400 percent growth, became the first Government Heart Institute in the country to get NABH Accreditation and one of the largest heart care destinations with 1,150 cardiac beds in South East Asian Region.

Youth Year celebrations at Infant Jesus Cathedral

Msgr. George Alukka, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, is seen inaugurating the Youth Year celebrations at the Infant Jesus Cathedral, Hinkal, recently as others look on.

Really...?

- *There is an Argentinian superstition that the seventh sons will turn into werewolves unless they are adopted by the President.*
- *In some remote locations in India, there are people who believe that after being bitten by a dog in heat, they would become pregnant with a puppy. The victims, especially men who have to give birth to the puppy through their penis, are said to eventually die.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

George knocked on the door of his friend's house. When his friend's mother answered he asked, "Can Albert come out to play?"
"No," said the mother, "it's too cold." "Well, then," said George, "Can his football come out to play?"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 64.14
1 UK Pound	Rs. 90.57
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.46
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.91

VOICE OF THE READER

What a Cartoon!

Sir,

Every time I buy *SOM*, the first thing I do is to look at the cartoon by Satish Acharya under *Star Punch*. The quality of cartoons in *SOM* are world class! In fact, I am an ardent fan of cartoons in newspapers and magazines. In Karnataka, most newspapers publish good quality cartoons. When we talk about cartoons, it is my duty to remember the name of late R.K. Laxman *'The King of Cartoons'*.

Now, I want to talk about the particular cartoon which appeared in *SOM* on 17th January 2018. It is a classic one. It is about our beloved Prime Minister's Hugplomacy practice. It is such a wonderful cartoon in which I observed three intricate things:

1. PM Modi is happily hugging the Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu. The cartoonist shows this by sketching Modi's happy face!

2. Israel's PM Netanyahu is somewhat not so happy about it and it has been depicted by the right hand of him unwilling to hug! It is a wonderful depiction!

3. While PM Modi is happy to hug foreign PMs and Presidents, the poor people of this country are looking at our PM to see if he looks at them also and may hug them. But the cartoonist is so intelligent that he has sketched the back of PM Modi towards the people. It is indirectly an answer to those people. Here, it need not be taken on face value, but can be seen from the angle of humour.

I congratulate Satish Acharya for his wonderful work. It is also noteworthy that Acharya's cartoons are to the point and unbiased. May his tribe increase.

— R. Prakash

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Rangoli contest on Lord Shiva

Mysuru, Feb. 3- As part of Shivaratri, the city's Manvantara Samooha Balaga will be organising a Rangoli contest focussing on Lord Shiva, at 9.30 am on Feb.11 (Sunday) at Vasavi Educational Institutions, near Samrat Kalyana Mantap, Kuvempunagar. Children aged between 4 and 16 years and adults aged between 16 and 60 years can take part.

The contest is open to both men and women.

Last date for registration is Feb.9. For details, call Mob: 95385-22053, according to a press release.

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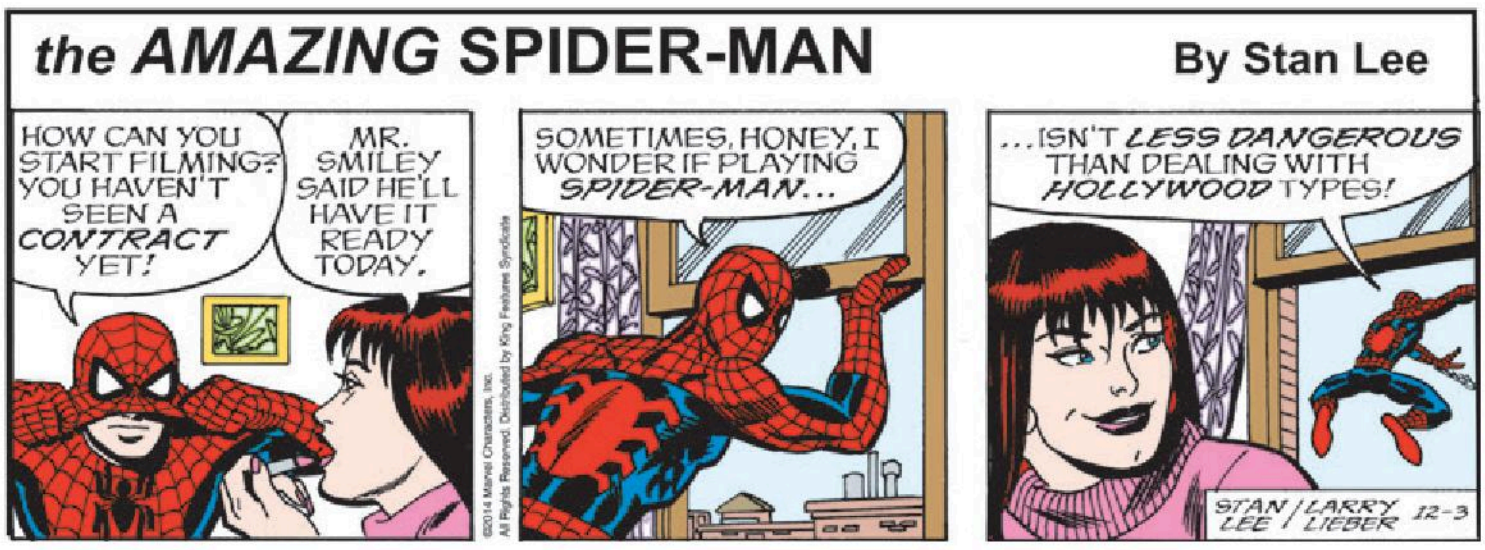
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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourses postponed

The discourse series by Vachaspathi Dr. U.Ve. Ananthapadmanabhachar Swamy scheduled to be held from Feb. 4 to Feb.6 at Sree Andal Mandiram premises in VV Puram has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Revised dates will be announced shortly, according to a press release.

Free crash course for II PU Commerce

A free crash course will be held for II PUC Commerce students at Genius College in KBL Layout on Feb.4 at 10 am. For details, contact Mob: 80959-59469 or 73495-63944.

KBBC Union meeting tomorrow

KBBC Employees Union has convened an emergency general body meeting at Freedom Fighters Park (Subbarayanakere) in city on Feb.4 at 10.30 am.

'Suggi-Huggi' event

The District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department have jointly organised a programme titled 'Suggi-Huggi' at Jayapura Government Higher Primary School premises on Feb.4 at 11 am. District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the programme. MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside.

Safe beat clinic

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised a 'safe beat clinic' at its premises in city on Feb. 4 from 8 am. Contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Sunday Clinic

Avati L. Ramaseshaiah and Lakshmi Devamma Clinic of Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised a 'Sunday Clinic' at its premises at Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, Mysuru on Feb. 4 from 8 am to 12 noon. For details, contact Mob: 88847-44144.

Academic Council meeting

The Academic Council meeting of University of Mysore will be held on Feb. 7 at 11 am at the Crawford Hall in city, according to a press release from Deputy Registrar.

ST entrepreneurs

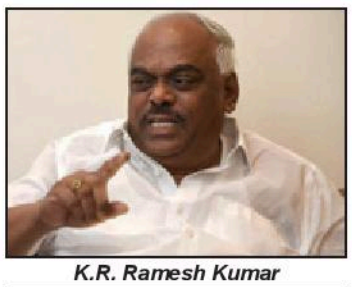
Aimed at development of tribals residing in forest, forest fringes and border taluks of the district, the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, Mysuru, has invited applications from ST community entrepreneurs for taking up horticulture, coffee plantation, silk rearing, vegetable & mushroom cultivation, bee-keeping, poultry, fishing and establishment of cold storage. Last date to apply is Feb. 15.

Arogya Bhagya: State's flagship health scheme to roll out on Feb.25

Bengaluru, Feb.3 (KMS& BCT)- Arogya Bhagya, Karnataka's flagship Universal Health Coverage (UHC) scheme to provide healthcare, irrespective of the individuals BPL or APL status, will be rolled out on Feb.25. And Aadhaar Card is enough for the patients to get this benefit.

Health Minister K.R. Ramesh Kumar told reporters in Bengaluru yesterday that the scheme was supposed to be rolled out on Nov.1, 2017 on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava but the deadline was missed because the Finance Department did not approve it in time. Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is expected to announce the roll out in the Budget on Feb.16.

Seven existing schemes — Vajpayee Arogyasri, Yeshasvini, Jyothi Sanjeevini, and Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish scheme, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram, Rajiv Arogya Bhagya and Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) — are being merged under the UHC scheme.



K.R. Ramesh Kumar

All Taluk Government Hospitals will have dialysis, ICU and Ultrasound scanning facilities and District Hospitals will have CT MRI scanning facilities by March 2018, the Minister said.

The UHC scheme is expected to benefit 1.3 crore families and cost the exchequer Rs.869.4 crore to integrate all the existing schemes. Category A, comprising about one crore and five lakh households, will include farmers, teachers of aided schools, anganwadi workers, Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, sanitation workers, unorganised workers, public servants and accredited media professionals who wouldn't have to make any contribution towards the scheme which provides for treatment up to Rs.1.5 lakh in Government and private hospitals.

Around 30 lakh households which do not come under the above categories will be enrolled in the scheme when they apply online with their Aadhaar details.

Those in rural areas will need to contribute Rs.300 per person and those in urban areas Rs.700 per person.

Around 516 types of complicated secondary care procedures which will be referred to private hospitals will be free for Category A, while Category B beneficiaries can get 30 percent of the cost reimbursed by the State.

A 30 percent reimbursement can also be received by Category B beneficiaries for 663 tertiary care procedures.

HEALTH SCHEME AT A GLANCE

- It will benefit 1.3 crore families.
- Cost to exchequer Rs. 869.4 crore.
- Treatment up to Rs.1.5 lakh in Government and private hospitals.
- Existing schemes are being merged under the UHC scheme.
- Contribution - Rural areas: Rs.300 a person and Urban areas: Rs.700 a person.

Free Total Knee Replacement surgeries at Govt. hospitals

Bengaluru, Feb.3 (KMS&BCT)- The State Government has come to the rescue of thousands of orthopaedic patients who have been waiting for the expensive Total Knee Replacement (TKR) surgeries. Come April, all Government hospitals will offer TKR procedures absolutely free of cost.

Giving a tough competition to private hospitals that held patients at ransom in performing TKR, the State Government will offer the service free. Acknowledging that procedures of TKR have turned out to be a big business in private hospitals these days, Health and Family Welfare Minister K.R. Ramesh Kumar said that patients need not rely on these hospitals when the State Government will come out with free treatment.

"TKR surgery, over the years, has become a big business among private hospitals. The cost for the surgery varies from hospital to hospital and a majority of the patients often get into a debt pool trying to get the surgery done. This move will put an end to such practice," the Minister said.

The TKR procedure can cost anywhere between Rs.2 lakh and Rs.5 lakh depending on the age of the patients and implants that are used.

About 70 percent of the population are unable to bear the cost of the surgery and decide to spend their life with severe pain. But the Government's decision will give them a new ray of hope.

National Health Protection Scheme roll out likely on Oct. 2

New Delhi, Feb.3- The Union Government is likely to pay an annual premium of less than Rs.1,200 per family for the ambitious National Health Protection Scheme, for which approximately Rs.12,000 crore is required every year.

For 2018-19, the Government has made an initial provision of Rs.2,000 crore and an extra Rs.800 crore is expected from the States, when they join the scheme.

Some money is also expected from the enhanced health and education cess. Taken together, the resources are adequate to launch the scheme, most probably on Oct.2, say Government officials.

The NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog is working towards a launch on Independence Day of the Government's latest flagship National Health Protection Scheme, which was announced in the Union Budget Thursday.

Top officials in the Aayog said that Gandhi Jayanti, on Oct.2, was the "upper limit" deadline for the formal launch while the full-scale roll out, subject to the pace of work by States, is expected to take place in about one-and-a-half years. Consultations with States are expected to start next week.

"Gandhi Jayanti is the latest by which the scheme will be launched. We, in fact, are working towards an Independence Day launch. We are ready. Work has been going on for very long now," said NITI Aayog Member (Health) Dr. V.K. Paul.

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said, the scheme, dubbed as the world's biggest health cover plan that provides medical insurance to 50 crore individuals, would be cashless and not a reimbursement scheme.

No Bandh in Bengaluru tomorrow

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Feb.3 (RK &BCT)- The Bengaluru bandh planned by Kannada outfits tomorrow (Feb.4) to coincide with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the city for a mega public meeting has been called off after Karnataka High Court ordered a stay, terming it unconstitutional. Modi is scheduled to address a massive public gathering at Palace Grounds tomorrow to mark the culmination of BJP's Parivartana Rally.

The bandh had been called by the same Kannada outfits that staged protests during Amit Shah's visit last week over the Centre's alleged inaction in the Mahadayi river dispute between Karnataka and Goa. The protesters will now observe a "black day."

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, veteran Kannada leader and former MLA Vatal Nagaraj, who was leading the bandh call, said that the bandh has been called off. "We bow to the order of the HC and the next date of the bandh will be announced after consulting with Kannada organisations," he said.

The decision of calling off the bandh came hours after the HC restrained them from carrying out their plans and directed the State Govt. and law enforcement agencies to take all steps necessary to ensure neither commerce nor industry or the life of the common man was affected because of the bandh call.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice H.G. Ramesh and Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar passed the interim order after hearing a PIL petition, filed by Shraddha Parents' Association, Bengaluru.

Making clear that no organisation or individual has right to give a call for bandh as per the Apex Court's direction, the Court directed the State Government to adhere to the Supreme Court's guidelines.

BJP gears up for Prime Minister Modi's rally at Bengaluru tomorrow

Bengaluru, Feb.3- The BJP is leaving no stone unturned to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in the State Capital tomorrow (Feb.4) a grand success.

Speaking to press persons after inspecting the preparations for the PM's rally at Palace Grounds here yesterday, State BJP President and former CM B.S. Yeddyurappa said that the Prime Minister's rally is certain to shore up the party's rank and file ahead of the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Yeddyurappa also said that Modi, during the course of his speech, may not touch upon the Mahadayi river row and is also not expected to make any promises to the State.

Explaining the preparations for the rally, he said that the party expects 3-4 lakh people to show up at Modi's rally.

Stating that the BJP is ready to pre-empt any possible attempts by the State Government to scuttle the rally by preventing people from reaching the venue, the State BJP Chief said that more than 100 volunteers, all IT professionals, have been roped in to popularise Modi's visit.

Pointing out that the party hopes to cash in on Modi's popularity among urban voters, he said that the venue has been decked up for the PM's rally, with elaborate arrangements — 20 LED screens, a mini hospital, 250 urinals and 75 e-toilets, 250 food counters and so on.

Detailing his State-wide Parivartana Rally, which concludes with Modi's rally in Bengaluru tomorrow, Yeddyurappa affirmed that there will be no-induction of leaders from other parties during the rally. However, many prominent leaders from other parties are expected to join the BJP in the coming days, he added.

State Budget on Feb. 16

Bengaluru, Feb.3- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, will present the State Budget on Feb. 16. Meanwhile, Governor Vajubhai R. Vala will address the Joint Session of the State Legislature on Feb.5. Siddharamaiah's budget has evinced keen interest with the State going to the polls in a couple of months.

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Youths fry pakodas, demand jobs

Members of 'Udyogakkaagi Yuvajanaru' staging a novel protest by frying pakodas near the Gandhiji's bust opposite the Mysuru Law Courts yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.3 (PM&NNN)- "Isn't Pakoda-frying also a profession?" Prime Minister Narendra Modi had classified this also as a job among the 4,000 other daily business in the unorganised sector. Hence, demanding a separate policy for this sector, *'Udyogakkaagi Yuvajanaru'* (Youth for Jobs), an organisation working in the interest of youths, staged a novel protest by frying pakodas in front of Gandhiji's bust opposite the Mysuru Law Courts, here yesterday.

They urged the PM, who is visiting Bengaluru tomorrow (Feb.4), to announce a policy for the benefit of people working in over 4,000 different kinds of jobs in the unorganised sector.

Reacting to a question from a private TV channel, they have countered, "Is not working in the farm sector, selling tea and pakodas a profession?" No one has said that these are not jobs. Besides, Modi has not done anything to this sector, they said expressing their anger.

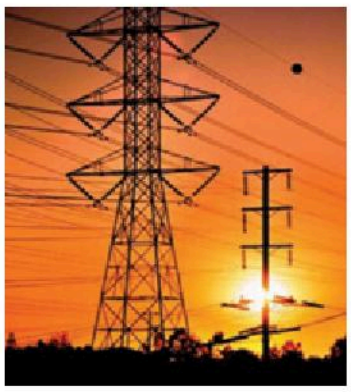
"In the current Budget, there is no scheme or policy for self-employed. There is no clarity on minimum support price for agriculture products. Is this your commitment?" asked the protesters. What we expect from the political parties is alternative schemes not pakoda stalls. "We need to live a life of dignity and we need a secure life, is all we demand," they urged.

Litterateur Bannur K. Raju, speaking on the occasion, said that it was not right on the part of the PM to speak lightly about job creations.

There is definitely dignity in selling pakodas and tea on the roadside. The Central Government should concentrate on providing jobs, he said and added that workers in the unorganised sector must be united.

There is no stress on jobs in this Budget. At least during the Bengaluru visit Modi should clearly announce a policy regarding job security for the youths, he demanded.

Brace up for Power Tariff hike in April



Bengaluru, Feb. 3 (KMS& BCT)- Electricity consumers across the State will have to shell out at least Re. 1 per unit more for 2018-19 if the electricity supply companies (Escoms) have their way. The new tariffs will come into effect in April 2018, at the time of Assembly elections.

Sources, however, said that the government may not implement the new tariffs if the election dates fall in May as it might anger the voters. It will be up to the new government to implement a hike.

The Escoms, which have to approach the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) annually for a revision of tariffs, have sought hikes ranging between Rs. 1.08 and Rs. 1.65 per unit of power this year, said KERC Chairman M.K. Shankaralingegowda.

While BESCOM (Bengaluru) has sought a hike of Rs. 1.45 per unit, CESC (Mysuru) has sought Rs. 1.36 per unit, MESCOM (Mangaluru) has sought an increase of Rs. 1.08 per unit and HESCOM (Hubballi) has asked for a hike of Rs. 1.23 per unit. GESCOM (Gulbarga) has sought Rs. 1.65 per unit, the highest in the list. Interestingly, this year, in a significant departure from tradition, all Escoms have asked for different tariff revisions. The KERC will start the process of public hearings to elicit opinions from the consumers at all Escoms. Once the public opinion is collected, the tariffs will be announced.

Sources in KERC revealed that the companies were seeking higher tariffs owing to an increase in power purchase costs as well as system augmentation and upgradation.

Last year, the KERC had approved a hike of 48 paise per unit on an average as against the Rs. 1.48 increase per unit hike sought by all Escoms.

Street plays create awareness on MNREGS at Bylakuppe

Mysuru, Feb. 3- The Zilla Panchayat in association with the Information and Public Relations Department had recently organised street plays at Bylakuppe and Doddaharave Village in Periyapatna taluk of the district, to create awareness on MNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme).

Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Shivayoga, speaking on the occasion, said that water is most essential for life and as such it should be used in a most judicious manner.

He pointed out that MNREGS is an ambitious scheme of the Union Government and every worker is paid a daily wage of Rs. 236. Stating that a total of 85,62,637 working days were generated in the district in the past four-and-a-half-year, he said that 2,06,643 families have got work and were paid Rs. 28,992.78 lakh under this scheme.

Seeking the co-operation of the public in building toilets in rural areas, Shivayoga reiterated that a daily wage of Rs. 236 will be paid to every worker under the scheme, irrespective of their gender and added that the wages will be directly credited to the respective Bank account of the beneficiaries.

Bylakuppe Gram Panchayat President Renukamma, Members Geetha, Devamma, Shankar, Saraswathi, Chandramma, Usharani and others were present.

Vedike urges removal of dead trees near DC's residence on Hunsur Road

Mysuru, Feb.3 (PM&NNN)- Members of the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, demanding removal of eight to ten dead trees opposite the residence of the Deputy Commissioner on Hunsur Road, staged a snap stir here yesterday. These trees have gone completely dry and are in a stage of dying and likely to fall any time. Steps should be taken to remove them before they can cause harm to the moving traffic, they urged.

Vedike's District President K. Madesh, speaking on the occasion, said that a branch of a tree was about to fall on a passing autorickshaw in the morning. Since this is a State Highway there is heavy movement of vehicles. Added to that the pedestrians, school and college students also use this road regularly.

This issue was brought to the notice of the Mysuru City Corporation. But they have not taken any action. Hence, without wasting much time, the trees should be removed. If they failed to respond, we will be forced to remove it ourselves, he warned.

K. Hemmanahalli Jathre on Feb. 13

Mysuru, Feb. 3- On account of Mahashivaratri, the Annual Jathre of Sri Mahalingeshwara temple will be held on Feb. 13 at K. Hemmanahalli in the taluk.

Rudrabhisheka and Alankara will be performed throughout the day. Rural children will exhibit *Vaali-Sugreeva Kalaga* and *Bhaktha Markandeya* in Moodalapaya Yakshagana and *Mahisha Mardini* in Thenku Thittu Yakshagana style apart from a variety of cultural events. In the night, Dasanakoppal village artistes will stage *Bhaktha Pralada* Mythological drama.

Gopuje at Goshale and *Matti puje* at Garadi will also be conducted. For details contact G.N. Ananthavardhana on Mob: 94492-64920.

Impressionz showcases designers

The two-day designers exhibition, organised by Impressionz, began at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning. Picture shows Organiser Krupa Sumanth with the designers. The expo showcasing the best of designers from across the country will be open today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8 pm.

GIAN Course on Biomedical Signal Processing at SJCE

Mysuru, Feb.3- Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) has been identified as host institution by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, for the prestigious GIAN (Global Initiative for Academic Networks) programme Phase-II.

A series of programmes were conducted by eminent international faculties in different fields of Engineering at SJCE.

In continuation to the GIAN programme, a two-week course on "Advanced Course on Biomedical Signal Processing" was organised by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering recently.

The course was delivered by International faculty Dr. Suresh Sundaram, Associate Professor, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore and Host faculty Dr. K.M. Anil Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The course covered biomedical signal processing, image analysis with several advanced EEG signal processing for brain computer interface, prosthetics and MRI processing, f-MRI processing and advanced machine learning algorithm (statistics, neural network, online support vector machines, deep learning) for medical analytics.

It also dealt with specific case studies on neuro-developmental disorder, neuro-degenerative diseases, and cognition problem, which are currently the major research focus area for building sophisticated solutions for medical image analysis.

The course was attended by undergraduate students, post-graduate students, research scholars and faculty members from institutes across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Invited for Intl. Conference

C.R. Rachana

Mysuru, Feb.3 - C.R. Rachana, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Studies in Computer Science, Mahajana Post-Graduate Centre, KRS Road, Metagalli, has been invited to be the International Scientific Committee member in the 4th International Conference on Applied Materials and Manufacturing Technology (ICAMMT 2018) to be held in Kunming, China, during September 2018. She has been invited as the member of the International Scientific Committee of ICAMMT 2018 for her excellent experience and work in this field.

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The Blood Moon Rush

After the Americans landed on the moon, the moon lost its charm amongst the public, their affection moved towards Mars. But there are two groups of people who continue to obsess over the moon — Hindi film lyricists and astrologers. But last week everyone was acting like a Hindi lyricist with *Chand* on their lips and astrologers with Moon on their mind.

Everyone wanted to watch the moon because, as an excited friend of mine said "On Jan. 31 the moon will not be just a regular moon, it will first become a Super Moon, then a Blue Moon, and finally a Blood Moon, all in a few hours!" I told him he seemed more excited than when he was leaving for his honeymoon 15 years ago. To which he replied with a wink, "Well, that's because after 15 years of marriage 'honeymoon' happens once in a blue moon." He had called to invite me to watch the spectacle at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala where they have two telescopes.

The excitement was all around. Even small children were caught up in the frenzy as a neighbour's son informed me, "Uncle dad is taking me to see superman!" His dad corrected him *"super moon kano, superman alla."* The child didn't seem excited anymore.

Some others wanted to show off their "Lunar" knowledge and used technical terms such as *Umbra, Apogee* and *Perigee* while speaking of the eclipse. By the way for the people who have forgotten, *Umbra* means shadow, *Apogee* is the farthest point moon is from earth and *Perigee* is the closest.

While all this moon-talk excited a few, it made others nervous. The Iron-man near my apartment asked me "Sir I heard moon was going to be very close to the earth. Are there are any chances of a *bookampa* (earthquake) or other such calamities?" I assured him it was safe and told him to look up at the moon in the evening. He said that's not a good idea, as during *grahana* (eclipse) people tend to become "mental" so he would go to sleep early.

But do people really go mad? One can mock my Iron-man but the word Lunatic comes from the Latin word "lunar" or "lunaticas", meaning "moonstruck".

Eclipses have amazed humans since time immemorial. Every religion and culture has its own interpretation or theory of what an eclipse means to our planet and us. If certain Christians believe in second coming, Muslims have specific prayers for the eclipse, Hindus have rituals that are strictly observed.

In many of my friends houses, Section 144 was declared — curfew. In some households there were dietary restrictions. Even temples were closed for the period of the eclipse. Curfew was to reduce one's exposure to danger lurking outside in the form of accidents and lunatics. Food restrictions were because supposedly if you eat during an eclipse it will play havoc with your digestive system.

I didn't pay heed to this and stayed out to join my friend to watch the moon. I was asked to be at the Ramakrishna Vidyashala by 6 pm. By the time I reached, a small crowd had already gathered. The moon was still not out. The staff of the Vidyashala had set up two telescopes on two platforms. They requested people to stand in line. They requested the public not to touch or move the telescope because once out of focus, getting the telescope back to focus on the moon would take time. Every thing was set and we were only waiting for the groom, the moon to arrive.

Finally at around 7.15 the moon appeared. It looked more beautiful than it usually does but the pushing and shoving ruined the experience. The Vidyashala staff must have thought the members of the public would follow instructions and were as disciplined as their students and so had not deputed any volunteers. Soon the pushing and line jumping began. The telescope was moved out of focus a number of times, the line to see the moon became a cluster. I walked away.

It seemed like the lunar eclipse had a mild lunatic effect on the people there. What else can one assume when so-called cultured and educated people push women and children to grab a telescope? I was disappointed that I could not even get anywhere near a telescope.

The unique lunar eclipse was a wonderful opportunity for all people to become interested in the world above us. These days we are so immersed in the digital world — phones — that we have forgotten to look up at the sky with wonder.

It is unfortunate that many schools did not have any special programmes to mark this event. Even more disheartening for me was that while we the public pushed and shoved to see the moon at Ramakrishna Vidyashala, the students of the Vidyashala, who have the first right to the telescope, were cooped up in their classroom doing their home work. Books can wait, nature's glory doesn't.

We have forgotten the wonders of the world above us and its power to keep us grounded. We need to look up to know how insignificant we are down here, mere specks, foolishly wallowing in our own misguided sense of grandeur.

For now, I missed my chance to see the Super Moon through a telescope. Hopefully, I will be able to see it next year. Yes, there is another "Blood Moon" eclipse coming on Jan. 21, 2019.

P.S.: Many were heard saying the last time there was a Super Moon was 152 years ago. But this was for the Americas, not for rest of the world. In Asia, the last Blue Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse happened on December 30, 1982, just 35 years ago.

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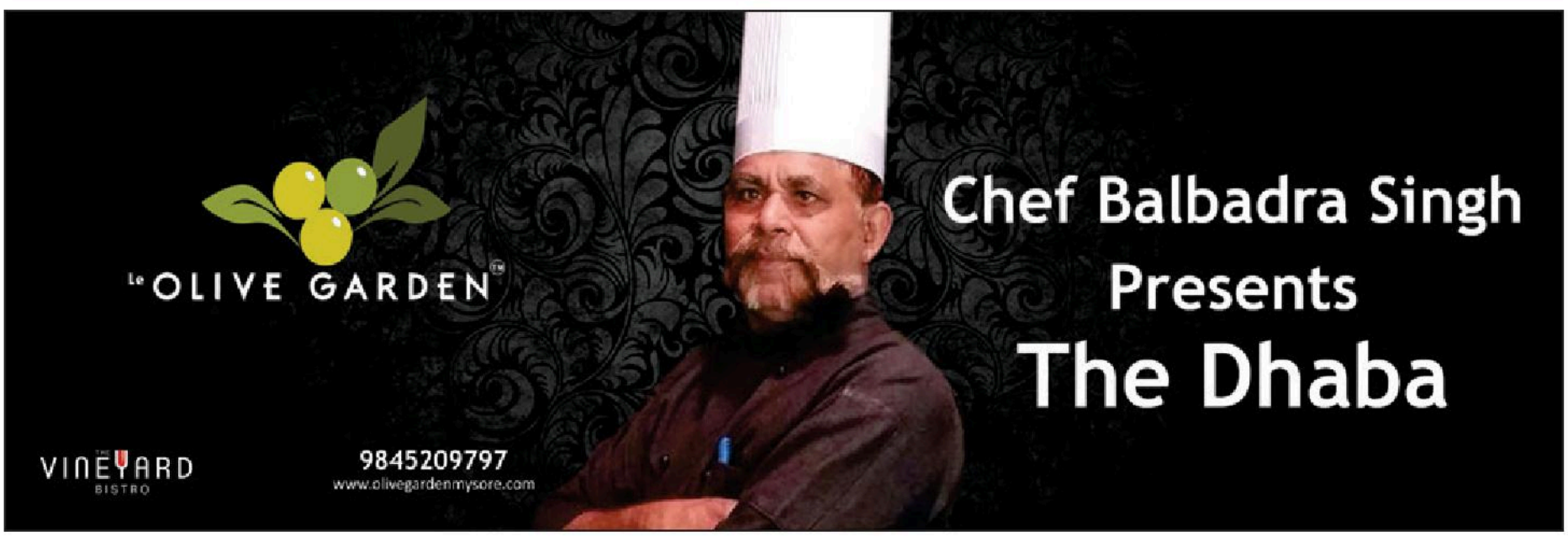

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Learning from bitter lessons from last year's forest inferno where a young forest guard was charred to death in Bandipur, the Forest Department this time has strengthened its fire-fighting capabilities to combat forest fires that tend to ravage large swathes of forest during summer. This *Weekend Star Supplement* lists out, along with photographs, the innovative measures that the department has taken to prevent major conflagrations.

Fire-proofing Bandipur

Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav

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Shoring up fire-fighting capabilities in Bandipur

Fire being extinguished using a 20-litre motorised portable can.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

A tragedy struck Bandipur Tiger Reserve on February 18, 2017 when 28-year-old Forest Guard Murigeppa Tammangol alias Murugesh was charred to death while he, along with other forest staff and officials, was trying to douse the forest fire at Kalkare Range. He was stomping out the fire moving fast amidst thick lantana bushes and was unaware that thick smoke was covering him. He collapsed due to suffocation and died of burn injuries.

A young life was snuffed out.

Fifteen days to go for Murigeppa's first death anniversary and the Forest Department that has learnt bitter lessons out of the tragedy is trying its best to prevent such unfortunate incidents this time and it is battle-ready to face another summer and its daunting challenges.

Murugesh

Fire lines are being set up to control any accidental forest fire in the reserved area. Forest fires in several parts of the National Park last year and in 2012 had caused large-scale destruction of flora and fauna. Fire lines covering all 13 ranges of the reserve have been completed, covering 2,511 kilometres.

Shoring up its fire-fighting capabilities, forest authorities have equipped themselves with motorised fire sprayers. Also, mini-vans of 2,000-litre capacity have been procured to contain the fire before it turns into a major conflagration.

Of the 1,027 square kilometres of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, 2,511 kilometres of fire lines have been completed and each fire line is 10 metres wide. This apart, 108 kilometres and 30 metre-wide view lines have been set up. Fire line is a strip of land that has been cleared of vegetation (mainly dry) to prevent fire from spreading. It is also called fireguard.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Conservator of Forests and Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve Ambadi Madhav said that this time, over 210 kilometres of lantana has been removed and additional fire line of 209 kilometres have been laid as additional precaution. Sensitive blocks have been identified and extra weed have been removed.

The department has hired 408 fire watchers from January 1, 2018 and they will be on duty till March 31. "They are additional staff who have been recruited on a temporary basis to act as fire watchers and will be on duty till the onset of the southwest monsoon by when the threat of fires will have completely diminished. This is a normal practice and youth from different tribal hamlets are identified and hand-picked for the job. They receive ration and an extra payment of Rs. 65 per day (for rations) apart from their daily wages of Rs. 308 per day," said Ambadi Madhav.

This time, the department has procured fire beaters from Kerala that is used effectively in the neighbouring State to combat forest inferno. Each fire beater is 6-feet long and has a flat rubber material at the other end made of vehicle tyres. "Usually, we use sticks with green leaves at the far end to beat fire. This time, we are using these fire beaters that are very effective. Fire is doused with just one hit from the beater and the rubber too doesn't catch fire easily unlike green leaves," he explained.

Each fire beater weighs 7 to 8 kilograms and each costs Rs. 500 and over 275 have been procured from Kerala Agro Industry and they are successfully being used in Kerala to battle forest fires.

This apart, mini-motorised water sprayers of 20-litre capacity have also been provided to all ranges so that the staff can carry the same as backpacks and get into the interiors to put out small fires before they become major infernos.

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— Ambadi Madhav
Conservator of Forests and
Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve

A Forest Department employee displays the rubber-ended fire beater. These fire beaters have been procured from Kerala where it is being effectively used to combat forest fires. The rubber does not catch fire easily and it puts out a patch of fire in one blow.

This is a mini-motorised water sprayer of 20-litre capacity. Each costs Rs. 4,800 and has proved very effective in controlling forest fires.

Motorised water sprayers and other water-spraying equipment are connected to mobile water tankers.

Over 24 cans, each costing Rs. 4,800 have been procured this time. "Water sprayed from these cans can reach up to 15 feet and can be adjusted to spray water in a straight line or for a wide spray. With less water, this can is capable to extinguish spreading fires," he added.

In addition to conventional methods of fire-fighting, such as creating fire breaks and putting out mini-fires by repeatedly stomping, the authorities have deployed water containers of 2,000-litre capacity mounted on special vehicles. Vehicles have been deployed at Bandipur, Gundre, Maddur and Hediyala ranges that are more prone to fire and can be transported anywhere in case of an emergency.

These vehicles have two motors — five HP and three HP - to pump water to smaller cans as per requirement. All vehicles have a 50-metre long pipe attached to it and will facilitate the guards to extend their reach.

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Forest personnel are seen using advanced equipment to extinguish fire. Instead of the traditional leaf fire beaters, the department has procured powerful water pumps fitted to mobile water cans to douse forest fires.

An area inside the Bandipur National Park where fire lines have been completed. Picture right shows a forest department employee using a rubber-ended fire beater that has been procured from Kerala. Each fire beater weighs 7 to 8 kilograms and each costs Rs. 500.

Innovative fire-fighting strategies in Bandipur

Forest officials are speaking to tribals who live on the fringes of Bandipur National Park. Such moves are aimed at improving relationships so that the tribals will alert the department in case of forest fires. Picture right shows a backhoe is being used to create a fire line.

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Special zones have been formed based on past fire incidences and strategic plans have been prepared to prevent forest fires. Sensitive zones include **Bandipur** (due to the presence of tourists, tigers and National Highway 67 that connects Kerala), **N. Begur, Gundre, Maddur** (due to thick forest) and **Himavad Gopalaswamy Betta Range** (presence of tourists and devotees).

"We had a problem of communication last time as walkie-talkie signals were not reaching the desired instrument holders deep inside the jungles and on the fringes. To prevent this, this time, we have set up two repeater stations at Moolehole and Kundkere ranges for the signals to effectively percolate during crisis situations. We have also procured 75 new walkie-talkies," he said.

As a preventive measure, the local tribal community too has been taken into confidence to help alert the forest staff and also douse fires. Awareness programmes have been organised at tribal hamlets around the Tiger Reserve to underline the inimical effects of such fires.

"The department has formed over 35 teams of 'Aranya Sene' to combat forest fires and each team has 10 to 18 tribal volunteers (educated tribal youths) who will spread the message of conservation and fire prevention. Their mobile phone numbers have been procured and each of them has been given T-shirts, caps and badges. We will also pay them whenever their services are availed," Ambadi Madhav added.

South African Bug to control Lantana Weed

The Forest Department will experiment controlling the wild growth of lantana using 'Lantana Lace Bug' at Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Lantana has become one of the world's most invasive weeds, form impenetrable thickets covering large areas of valuable land, and it becomes impossible to control its growth. Scientists at University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru have taken up research to analyse the pros and cons of using the bug to control the wild growth of lantana in the forest area.

Though lantana looks attractive with various colours, it is dangerous for the growth of other plants in the forest and also hinders the movement of animals. Moreover, dry lantana catches fire easily and spreads forest fire rapidly. As it is impossible to eradicate lantana using human force, it has become inevitable for the Forest Department to find alternative methods to control the lantana weed.

'Lantana Lace Bugs' will feed on the leaves and flowers of the lantana resulting in the death of the plant. But the scientists of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, are conducting experiments to check whether the bug will affect the other plants and vegetation in the forest.

The bugs would be used extensively once the scientists give assurance that it will not affect the other vegetation and methods to be taken in case these bugs become overpopulated and uncontrollable. Lantana lace bug belongs to South Africa and has been experimented by several countries for controlling the weed.

Apart from lantana causing forest fires to spread rapidly, it obstructs the free movement of animals. Often, wild animals get stuck inside the lantana weed.

The Wedding House opens

Actresses Shwetha Srivatsav (extreme right) and Mayuri Kayatri looking at the displays at 'Wedding House' a two-day exhibition organised at Premier Convention Hall, Premier Studios, on Hunsur Road in city this morning. Event organisers Pooja Joshi and Snehal Igoor are also seen. The expo is open from 10.30 am to 8 pm today and tomorrow.

Leaders, supporters crowd Congress Office demanding tickets to contest election

Mysuru, Feb.3 (MTY&NNN)- The elections to the Karnataka State Assembly is round the corner and the leaders and the supporters of political parties are making all efforts to garner seats to contest.

The Congress party is no exception as the Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station was a beehive of activity this morning. The aspirants, with their supporters in toe, made their way to the office to stake claims before MLC Narayanswamy and former MLA of Basavanagudi Chandrashekar, the observers for the party, who have come on the direction of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

There are many aspirants for the tickets among the Congress in all the three constituencies in Mysuru. The KR Constituency has three aspirants including sitting MLA M.K. Somashekar, former State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa and Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman B. Siddaraju. All the three aspirants came with their supporters to appeal to the observers.

Surprisingly N.R. Constituency aspirant Tanveer Sait, who is also Minister in the present Government was conspicuous by his absence, though his supporters came in large numbers to seek a ticket on his behalf. Later, former Mayor Ayub Khan also came with his supporters.

The prestigious Chamaraja Assembly constituency is likely to witness a close contest among all the political parties and there is a keen fight among the various aspirants of the Congress among themselves for this coveted seat.

Hence, a war of words erupted between the supporters of the sitting MLA Vasu and Mysuru Urban Development Authority Chairman D. Dhruvakumar. Hundreds of supporters of the latter had gathered. However, Vasu asked his supporters not to indulge in war of words and the situation was brought under control.

Obituary

Sosamma George

Mysuru, Feb.3- Sosamma George (83), retd. St.Thomas School Teacher, Mysuru and a resident of Kuvempunagar passed away yesterday.

Wife of late T.J. George (retd. O.S. Southern Railway, Mysore South), she leaves behind three sons (Johnson, Thomas and Aby George) and host of relatives and friends.

Funeral mass will be held at Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Vishweshwaranagar here at 11.30 am on Feb.5 followed by burial at Benson Cemetery at 12 pm same day.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 94482-93689 or Ph: 0821-2542681.

President to stay overnight in Mysuru

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The President's Secretariat has sent the tentative tour programme to the Chief Minister's Secretariat, which in turn has forwarded it to the District Administration for making all necessary arrangements.

The District Administration and the Police Department are making all necessary arrangements for the security of the President. DC D. Randeep has directed DCP Law and Order N. Vishnuvardhan, Traffic DCP Dr. V. Vikram Amathe, Forest Department officials, Airports Authority of India and PWD to take all precautionary measures at the Airport and the route that the President takes to reach the Government Guest House.

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Anil Chikkamadu quits JD(S)

Mysuru, Feb. 3- Anil Chikkamadu, son of late JD(S) legislator from H.D. Kote, S. Chikkamadu, resigned from the primary membership of the JD(S) today.

Anil Chikkamadu

Anil Chikkamadu also quit as ZP member from Hanagodu (ST) ZP constituency, from which he was elected on a JD(S) ticket.

Anil, who was miffed with the JD(S) leadership for failing to assure him on the party ticket to contest from H.D. Kote (ST) assembly segment in the forth coming assembly polls, will join the Congress at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Monday (Feb.5), along with former MP and former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, who quit the BJP recently.

Will not quit BJP, says Ramdas

Mysuru, Feb.3(US&PM)- Former Minister S.A. Ramdas has reiterated his loyalty to BJP and refuted rumours of his plans to jump into JD(S).

Ramdas

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Ramdas said that he has been with BJP for almost 25 years which he equated to his mother.

He totally rubbished rumours that he had plans to cross over to JD(S) and added that he would file cases against those who are behind spreading rumours.

Referring to the Union Budget Ramdas opined that it was a well-balanced budget with 'Do Good' and not 'Feel Good' points.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath and others were present at the press meet.

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As per Karnataka Gazette Notification No: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಪಾ ಇ 23 ಪಾಪಸ 2013 Bangalore dated: 20-08-2013 , the sub-rule . 55 OF 2013 of The Karnataka Municipal Corporation (Act) 1976 and Section - 431- A has been added to Section 431 of Corporation Amendment Rule. As per this Section, Schedule XIII states that disobeying to Solid Waste Management and other criteria listed in the below table shall be penalised as stated below:

Sl. No.	Act of Commission or Omission	Penalty for the First offence	Penalty for the Second and subsequent offence
01	Littering, spitting, urinating, open defecating or committing other acts of nuisance on Road, Bus Station, Railway Station, Street, Playground, Park and other Premises of Public Utility.	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 200/-
02	Failure to segregate Dry Waste from Wet Waste and hand over the same separately to collector of waste and hand over the same separately to collector of waste in accordance with the Notification, Bye-Laws, Public Notice or Circular issued by the competent authority from time to time. (i)by any domestic occupier (ii)by any bulk Generator or commercial complex	 Rs. 100/- Rs. 500/-	 Rs. 500/- Rs. 1000/-
03	Failure to comply with any lawful directions issued by the Commissioner to ensure cleanliness and hygiene of Road, Bus Station, Railway Station, Street, Playground, Park and other Premises of Public utility	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 200/-
04	Failure to segregate and hand over garden waste, inert waste, sanitary waste, non-Bio degradable and Bio-medical waste or any other category Waste separately to the Corporation for the purpose of handling and transportation of the Wastes in the manner specified by the Corporation	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1000/-
05	Irregular deposit of rubbish or filth or any solid waste	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 200/-
06	Allowing filth to flow in streets	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 200/-
07	Depositing carcases of animals or filth in improper place	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 200/-
08	Dumping of building waste irregularly	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 5000/-

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Toxic acids from gold purification units, a problem at Garadikeri

Toxic acids released from gold purification units to the drains on Anjaneya Temple Street in Garadikeri are emanating fumes which is causing health hazards to the public as well as to the students of the nearby Government School. One of SOM readers, who has sent this picture, has urged the authorities concerned to inspect the spot and take precautionary measures to prevent the problem at the earliest.

Stagnant sewage water causing nuisance in Dattagalli

Sewage water which is flowing from Ramakrishnanagar K-Block and passing through Lingambudhi Lake is getting stagnant (picture below) at a distance near the lake adjacent to 80ft. road, opposite Triangle Park in Dattagalli 3rd Stage J-Block. One of SOM readers, who has sent the pictures, said that the stagnant sewage water is emanating foul smell which has become unbearable to the residents besides adding that despite lodging complaints, no action has been taken till date. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the drains cleared so that sewage water could flow freely.

Workshop on 'Sustainable Urban Transport' held

Mysuru, Feb.3 (PM&US)- A three-day workshop on 'Sustainable Urban Transport' was organised by State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD) in association with Institute of Urban Transport, New Delhi, at SIUD premises in the campus of Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Road here.

Inaugurating the programme, P. Sunil Kumar, Joint Director (Reforms), Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru, observed that urbanisation in the State stood at 38% tending to reach 50% gradually.

He pointed out that roads too should be developed proportionately for smooth transportation. He averred that bad roads increase traffic snarls posing further problem for Traffic Police to regulate the flow of vehicles.

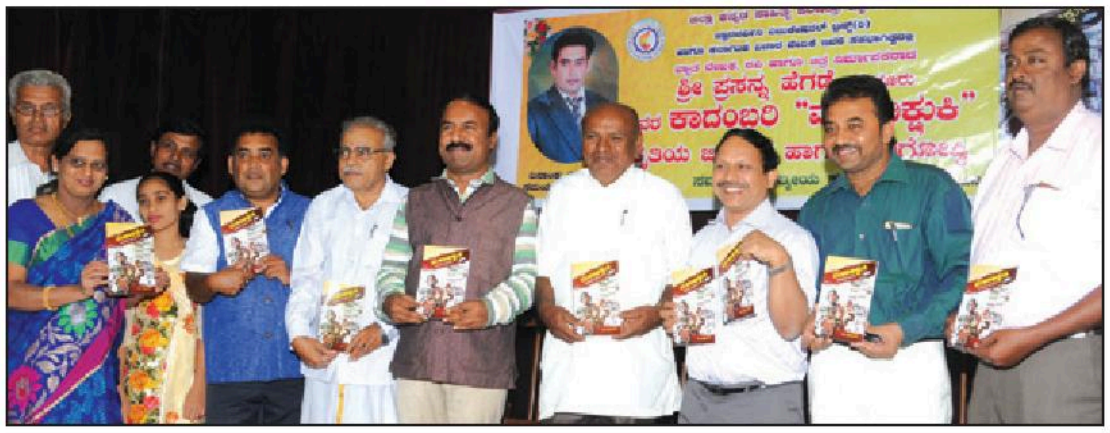
He stressed the importance of maintaining roads during the rainy season which actually exposes the quality of roads.

Engineers and officers of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Divisional Controllers of KSRTC from across the State participated in the workshop.

G.J. Joshi, Professor, SVNIT, Surat, Venkatesh Kadagadakai, Director, SIUD, Sudha, Deputy Director, M.L. Chotani, Resource Person and others were present on the occasion.

'Kannada Novels have earned popularity across nation'

Novel 'Mahabhikshuki' released



Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, littérateur Dr. Malali Vasathakumar, columnist Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh and others seen during the release of novel 'Mahabhikshuki' in city recently.

Mysuru, Feb.3 (SPN&US)- District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Jnanavardhini Education Trust and Karnataka Vichara Vedike had organised a function at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises here recently for the release of the novel 'Mahabhikshuki' written by Prasanna Hegde together with a 'Kavigoshti.'

Speaking on the occasion, columnist Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh expressed happiness that Kannada books had earned popularity across the nation. He had full praise for the book 'Mahabhikshuki' for excellent portrayal of exploitation of a mute woman cashing in on her disability to the core with perverts satiating their carnal desires till the poor woman dies.

He added that a few interesting incidents happen in between which eventually keeps the reader glued to the pages of the book.

Ramesh further said that of late, the number of novels coming out has declined and not many of them with good substance. He commended Prasanna Hegde for coming out with a novel depicting harassment of women from all angles. Music University Registrar Dr. Niranjan Vanalli also spoke on the book churning out an innovative substance.

At the 'Kavigoshti,' several poets recited poems composed by them. Social worker K. Raghuram was felicitated.

Littérateur Dr. Malali Vasathakumar, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and Hardwicke PU College Principal Hirimarali Dharmaraj were present during the occasion.

GST Commissionerate office observes 'Swachhta Pakhwada'

Mysuru, Feb.3 (RS)- The Central Tax, GST Executive, Audit and Appeals Commissionerate, Mysuru, observed 'Swachhta Pakhwada' from Jan.16 to 31, with the 'Swachhta' pledge, cleaning activity was taken up in and around the office premises.

Workshop on 'Waste Management' was conducted among the officers and staff, Essay Competition on 'Innovative Ideas of Cleaning' was also held.

Saplings were planted in the office and Departmental quarters premises. Digitalisation, segregation of old records were taken up. Road in front of GST Office and between Office and Karanji Lake was cleaned.

All the officers and staff took part in the cleaning drive.

Periyapatna students bag medals at National-level Dance Contest

Periyapatna, Feb.3- The students of Green Kids Dance School, Periyapatna, Founded by Ambari Paramesh, have bagged six Gold, four Silver and a Bronze medal at the National-level Dance Competition jointly organised by Karnataka State Sports Association and Sports Dance Federation of India at Ravindra Kalabhavan, Baina Vasco in Goa recently.

Following the School's excellent performance, a grand procession was taken out through the main thoroughfares of the town to celebrate the performance of the students.

The School's dance team comprising P.R. Smitha, K.S. Rishmith, Punya, P.K. Chaya, P.R. Sangeetha, V. Archita, K.N. Lakshitha, P.R. Gururaj, Amulya, Mannappa, Rashmitha, P.K. Dikshitha and Varshini Arya bagged the Gold medals while another team comprising Krutika, P.R. Rohit, P.K. Bhumika, Omkar and Ishitha bagged Silver medals, and Priyanka bagged the Bronze medal, thus bringing laurels to the State and the School.

More than 300 dance teams from different States had taken part in the event, in which Maharashtra won the top spot and Karnataka came second.

TMC Members Tanuja Ramesh, Tobacco Board retired officer Sannaiah, Women and Child Development Officer Shwetha, Lecturer H.S. Raju, Puttamadaiah, Warden H. Rajaiah, Journalists H.D. Ramesh, K.S. Prakash, H.K. Mahesh, Sharath Kumar, Kantharaju, Lokesh and others were present.

Public meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.3- Vijayanagar 3rd Stage Residents Welfare Association has organised a meeting at the Association premises, opposite Sapthamathruka Chowdeshwari Temple, tomorrow (Feb.4) at 10.30 am.

For details, contact Mob: 94482-93943, according to a press release from the Association.

Actor Mandya Ramesh escapes unhurt in mishap

Srirangapatna, Feb.3- Actor Mandya Ramesh had a miraculous escape when the car he was travelling, hit a divider near Lokapavani Bridge between K. Shettahalli and Baburayanakoppalu on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway yesterday morning.

Mandya Ramesh

Mandya Ramesh was returning to Mysuru after shooting for 'Maja Talkies' TV Show, when the car he was driving went out of control and crashed into the divider at about 7.10 am.

Luckily, the actor escaped unhurt in the mishap. The bushes on the divider stopped the car from overturning.

The damaged car was towed to Mysuru, it is learnt. However, no case has been registered in connection with the incident.

Lorry driver thrashed for rash driving

Mysuru, Feb.3 (RK&DM)- The driver of a lorry which hit a scooter causing injuries to its rider near Kadakola on Mysuru-Nanjangud road on Thursday evening was caught hold by the public and severely thrashed. The lorry driver, identified as Balbir Singh, was on way to TVS factory near Kadakola, when he hit the scooter.

The public who noticed that the mishap was due to rash and negligent driving by the lorry driver, stopped the lorry which was speeding without stopping and thrashed the driver.

Driver Balbir Singh was said to be drunk and his rash driving led to the lorry hitting the scooter, it is learnt.

Kadakola Police have booked the lorry driver for drunken-driving and also for rash and negligent driving.

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New-look Varsity Swimming Pool to reopen by February end

File photo

Mysuru, Feb.3- The renovation works of the University of Mysore's (UoM) Swimming Pool, which was taken up in March 2017, is nearing completion and the pool will be reopened for the students and public by the end of February.

Initially the Varsity was expecting a fund of Rs.1.5 crore to renovate the pool from Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) but it couldn't get it. Later, UoM spent its own funds of Rs.2 crore to renovate it.

Stating that every year lakhs of people use this pool and during summer there will be a mad rush, P. Krishnaiah, in-Charge Director of the Department of Physical Education, UoM, said: 'The entry fee for the swimming pool is not yet fixed. Fees will vary for children, students, sportspersons and others. The pool with the new look and facilities will have a seating capacity of more than 500 seats and a hi-tech water purifier has been installed. This will ensure water will remain fresh all the time."

Closure of the pool for the last one year has not only affected swimming enthusiasts but also professional swimmers in city. The reopening of the pool will be boon for those participating in the swimming competitions.

KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament

Madhu Prasad shines

Mysuru, Feb.3- An all-round performance by J. Madhu Prasad (20 n.o. & four for 42), enabled National CC to register a 20-run win over Mohan's XI in the second round tie of the KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament for Clubs 2017-18, played at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

SECOND ROUND

National CC: 169 for seven in 20 overs (Kishan S. Bedare 45 n.o., J. Madhu Prasad 20 n.o., Dhanush Vishu 20, Mohith three for 36, Akash two for 22) bt **Mohan's XI:** 149 for nine in 20 overs (R. Lokesh 39, Waseem 38, Mohith 31, J. Madhu Prasad four for 42, Gourav three for 26).

MDFA 'B' Division Football

Soniya FC, Town Sports FC in drawn tie

Mysuru, Feb.3- Soniya FC and Town Sports FC, Bannur, were involved in a 1-1 drawn encounter in their Group 'A' tie of MDFA 'B' Division Football League 2017-18 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

Both the teams earned a point each from this drawn encounter.

RESULTS — Soniya FC: 1 (A. Zain 47) drew with **Town Sports FC, Bannur:** 1 (Ayush 23). **Wednesday's Match - Spirited Youth FC:** 1 (Gurmey 56) bt **Panther FC:** 0.

Secures Black Belt in Karate

Mysuru, Feb.3- B.M. Sourav, Class 9 student of Rotary Midtown Academy, has secured Black Belt in Karate.

Sourav started his career in Karate at the age of eight years under the guidance of Renshi Sudhakar. He has received number of medals, certificates and prizes in various competitions.

For the first time, he won first place in district level competitions, 2011 and State-level gold medal in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

B.M. Sourav

He has also participated in National-level competition held at Delhi and Madhya Pradesh.

He has received Black Belt from Shian Althat Pasha, Secretary of Akhila Karnataka Sports Karate Association, on Jan.21.

According to the certificate, he has completed the required training in the traditional Martial Arts of GI TOKU KAI KARATE DO INDIA and is promoted to next level. Currently he is getting trained for GTK speed Karate.

Journey for Glory

Mysuru Division District-level athletics trials on Feb.5

Mysuru, Feb. 3- The Journey for Glory, Pan India Talent Scouting for Summer Olympics 2020 and 2024, supported by GAIL (India) Limited, National Yuva Co-operative Society (NYCS) and Anglian Medal Hunt Company (AMHC), will be conducting the Mysuru Division District-level athletic trials **at Chamundi Vihar Stadium on Feb.5.**

The event will be conducted for 11-14 years boys and girls (born on or between 1.1.2004 and 31.12.2006) and for 15-17 years boys and girls (born on or between 1.1.2001 and 31.12.2003). Events - 100m, 200m and 400m. For registration, log on *www.nycsindia.com* or e-mail: *sports@NYCSIndia.com* [S. Bharath-90669-88866].

Mulki Sundar Ram Shetty All India Basketball Tournament

Integral Coach Factory beats Karnataka

Bengaluru, Feb.3- Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, beat Karnataka men 71-40 in their final league match in the 4th edition of the Mulki Ram Shetty All India Basketball Tournament conducted by Vijaya Bank at Kanteerava Stadium Courts here yesterday.

The final day of league match action at the 4th Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty All India Basketball Tournament tipped off with the ICF taking on the young men of Karnataka State team. ICF got off to a quick start nailing their 1st two three pointers. P. Vijay was yet again relentless in his pursuit for offensive rebounds. The ICF guards played the passing lanes throughout the quarter and came up with some easy steals in the process. Bethle left his mark on the game by dictating the tempo and flow of his team's offence. Karnataka's young guards managed to come up with a couple of steals for easy fast break points but ICF's dominance on both ends meant that the tone for the game was set in the very 1st quarter itself. ICF ended quarter leading 31-11.

Anto Bethle of ICF runs the pick and roll with teammate Jaya Venkatesh against Karnataka.

The 2nd quarter saw Jaya Venkatesh of ICF share some of the scoring load with P. Vijay. Venkatesh displayed his mid-range prowess as he knocked down jumpers with high accuracy. Bethle continued to distribute the ball well and get his teammates involved as ICF added to an already healthy lead.

In response, Karnataka decided to run the high pick and roll and attack middle which only backfired as ICF doubled the ball man and forced turnovers. The game entered half time with a 34-point ICF lead, 47-13.

The 3rd quarter opened with a 7-2 ICF run which gave ICF's coach Nazar the opportunity to rest his point guard. In Bethle's absence, the play-making responsibilities were taken over by K. Parma Prakash while P. Vijay became the focal point of the team's offence. Jaya Venkatesh continued his hot shooting streak throughout the quarter which helped the coach rest P. Vijay as well.

Karnataka coughed up the ball frequently and helped ICF increase its lead to as much as 39 points mid-way through the final quarter of play.

The last two minutes of the quarter saw Karnataka play some solid defence and force ICF into turnovers as the game ended 71-40 in ICF's favour.

FINAL SCORE

ICF: 71 (K. Mukunth 21, P. Vijay 18) beat **Karnataka State:** 40 (Shashank Rai 10) [31-11, 16-02, 13-09, 11-18].

Indian Overseas Bank: 85 (Aravind Annadurai 16, Prasanna Venkatesh 10) bt **RCF Kapurthala:** 64 (Harmanpreet Singh 13).

Chennai Customs: 90 (Justin 36, Hariram 19) bt **Karnataka State:** 75 (Shashank Rai 18, Manu Thomas 13).

Ten-day Craft Exhibition opens at JSS Urban Haat

Mysuru, Feb.3 (YDS&US)- A ten-day Craft Exhibition, sponsored by Union Ministry of Textiles, commenced yesterday at JSS Urban Haat in Hebbal Industrial Area here.

Over 50 artisans from Karnataka, UP, TN, Delhi, Gujarat, Odisha, AP, Rajasthan and other places have exhibited eye-catching handicrafts at about 50 stalls. On the list are fancy shawls, embroidery dresses, designer jewellery, murals, silk sarees, kolhapur slippers, decorative jugs, furniture, woollen shawls, tribal jewellery, jute items, zardosi works, pearl jewellery, Channapatna toys and many more.

Inaugurating the expo, Minister for Sugar and Small Scale Industries Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad said that such exhibitions would provide a good platform for artisans.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA G.T. Devegowda said that quality handicraft items were available at affordable price at the expo which was a good place for small scale industries and artisans to display their talent. The expo, which also features cultural prog. and a food joint, will be open from **10 am to 9 pm till Feb.11.** Cauvery Handlooms Managing Director S. Muddaiah, JSS Technical Education Director Dr. C. Ranganathaiah, Joint Director B.R. Umakanth, Tourism Dy. Director H.P. Janardhan were present.

Cancer Day: Awareness run tomorrow, rally on Feb.5

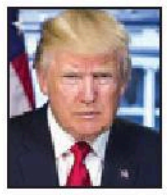
Mysuru, Feb.3 (RKB&US)- Marking World Cancer Day, to create awareness among people on cancer, Kanasu Foundation and Suyog Hospital together have organised a 10km run tomorrow in city. Disclosing this at a press meet yesterday, Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Head of Suyog Hospital, said that the run will commence at 6 am from University Oval Grounds and pass through Hunsur Road, SJCE College, Kukkarahalli Lake Road and back to the starting point. He further said that the run would be organised under four categories — Adults: Men & women and children: Boys & girls.

He added that cash prizes and certificates would be given to winners and the entry is free. Dr. Yoganna further said that DC D. Randeep, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, former UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa and City Police Commissioner Dr. A.S. Rao would be the chief guests. For details, contact Mob: 95905-45222 or 73537-56555.

Rally on Feb.5: Marking World Cancer Day, MMC&RI, K.R. Hospital, Bharath Cancer Hospital and JSS Medical College together have organised an awareness rally in city on Feb.5. Disclosing this at a press meet here yesterday, Convenor Ramesh Bilikere said that the rally would commence from J.K. Grounds at 9 am on Feb.5 and will pass through main thoroughfares of city. MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. S. Radhamani will flag off the rally, he said and added, Mayor S. Bhagyavathi and K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Chandrashekar will be the chief guests.

Sanjeevini Samana Manaskara Vedike has organised a function at 11am on Feb.5 at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall at J.K. Grounds for the release of the book 'Cancer Geddha Jeevana Premi' by MP Pratap Simha which is authored by Ramesh Bilikere. RIMSE Convenor Swami Maheshatmanandaji will inaugurate the programme.

MP Sriramulu gets invite for breakfast with Donald Trump



Donald Trump

Sriramulu

Ballari, Feb.3- BJP member of Parliament from Ballari, B. Sriramulu has said he has been invited to join US President Donald Trump at the 66th Annual National Prayer Breakfast Meet to be held in Washington DC on Feb.8.

However, the MP said that he may not be able to make it if the party requires him in New Delhi during the Budget Session.

Pointing out that the trip to Washington DC on an invitation by Congressional Host Committee (CHC) was a special one to him, he said it was an invitation to join the American President for a breakfast on Feb.8.

"Only two people from India — Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and myself — have been invited for their traditional programme," he said. However, the MP said that he might not be able to make it considering the ongoing Parliament Session. Since the party has issued a whip to be present in the House, he has left the decision to the party, he added.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Anthropomorphic

Pronunciation: adjective [an-thruh-puh-MOR-fik]

Meaning: Described or thought of as having a human form or human attributes.

Origin: Anthropomorphic comes from the Late Latin word anthropomorphus, which itself traces to a Greek term birthed from the roots anthrōp- (meaning "human being") and -morphos (-morphous). Those ancient Greek roots have given form and personality to many English words. Anthrōp- relatives include anthropic ("relating to human beings or the period of their existence on earth"), anthropocentric ("interpreting or regarding the world in terms of human values and experiences"), anthropoid ("an ape"), and anthropology ("the study of human beings and their ancestors"). Derivatives of -morphos often end in -morphism, as in polymorphism ("the quality or state of existing in or assuming different forms"), or -morphic, as in biomorphic ("resembling the forms of living organisms").

THE ODD WORD

Pissant

An insignificant person or thing.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Lose your touch

Meaning: If you lose your touch, you can no longer do something as well as you could before.

Origin: Britain, late 19th century. Literally this means to no longer have the ability to touch or feel with your fingers or hands. But to lose your touch actually means that you lose your ability or talent you once had when dealing with things, people or situations.

We use this when you're usually good at a certain skill or talent, but then things start to go wrong.

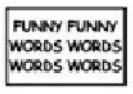
Example: I don't understand why none of the girls here want to speak to me. It looks like you've lost your touch with the ladies.

QUOTE BOX

Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better. **—Andre Gide**

RIDDLE THIS

Answer the below rebus:



Answer: Too funny for words.

SUDOKU

	3						7	
		1	3	6	7	4		
2								3
1			6		2			9
9	4						3	1
7			4		9			8
3								7
		7	2	5	8	3		
	6						8	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	1	5	4	6	7	8	9
6	9	5	1	8	7	4	2	3
8	4	7	9	3	2	1	6	5
1	6	8	4	5	3	2	9	7
5	7	9	8	2	1	3	4	6
3	2	4	7	6	9	8	5	1
9	1	2	6	7	8	5	3	4
4	8	6	3	1	5	9	7	2
7	5	3	2	9	4	6	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Holy city for majority of Indians?
5 French clergyman
9 Piece of work
12 Famous mountain range in Russia
13 Walking ___ : feeling proud of one's achievements?
14 Japanese sash
15 Kind (6-7)
18 Japanese alcoholic beverages - "asks E" anagram?
19 Canned fish
20 Road Transport Office, in short
22 A day bed
26 Being away, disregard or slip-away?
30 Mend or repair a sock?
31 Aborigine, in short
32 Of thin consistency?
34 No, in old and archaic English
35 Run
37 A small item of news
39 Fawlty's wife - "By Lis" anagram?
41 Lacking moisture
42 Knobs or protuberances
45 Day's march
49 Looks shamefaced (5,4,4)
53 Introduction to Latin
54 Cut or lop
55 Killer whale - "a roc" anagram?
56 In short, body-builder's place?
57 Ninth month, abbr.
58 Linguist Chomsky

DOWN

1 Hate a person's ___ : dislike a person intensely?
2 Surface measurement?
3 Tug
4 Trees of the birch family
5 Air Transp. Radio
6 Thailand money
7 The French for 'blue'
8 African antelope
9 Small amount, whit
10 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
11 Make a ___ for : make an offer for?
16 Fruity smelling organic compound
17 Attack, strike or invade
21 The burden of proof?
23 This indicates which way the wind is blowing
24 Smell _ __ : suspect foul play (1,3)
25 North North East, on the compass
26 With competence
27 Make a mistake!
28 In short, the cable news giants
29 "Dine" anagram for Ms. Blyton?
31 Auto Flight Sys.
33 Belgian battle
36 Part of a plane
38 A large snake which swallows its prey
40 Passions
43 Hollow out
44 Crop or cut?
46 "Air" as prefix
47 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
48 Cheese type - "made" anagram?
49 Ugly old woman; witch
50 Alcott heroine of "Little Women"
51 ___ the plume : an alias?
52 Ambulance person: abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

D	O	S	A	■	B	I	G	B	■	C	O	D
M	U	T	T	■	A	L	E	E	■	R	A	I
E	R	A	T	■	S	A	L	I	V	A	T	E
■	■	M	A	S	H	■	■	N	I	G	H	T
C	A	P	R	I	■	E	G	G	S	■	■	■
L	G	E	■	C	A	R	R	■	A	J	A	Y
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D	O	S	E	■	K	I	W	I	■	Y	U	L
■	■	■	L	O	S	S	■	S	H	A	L	L
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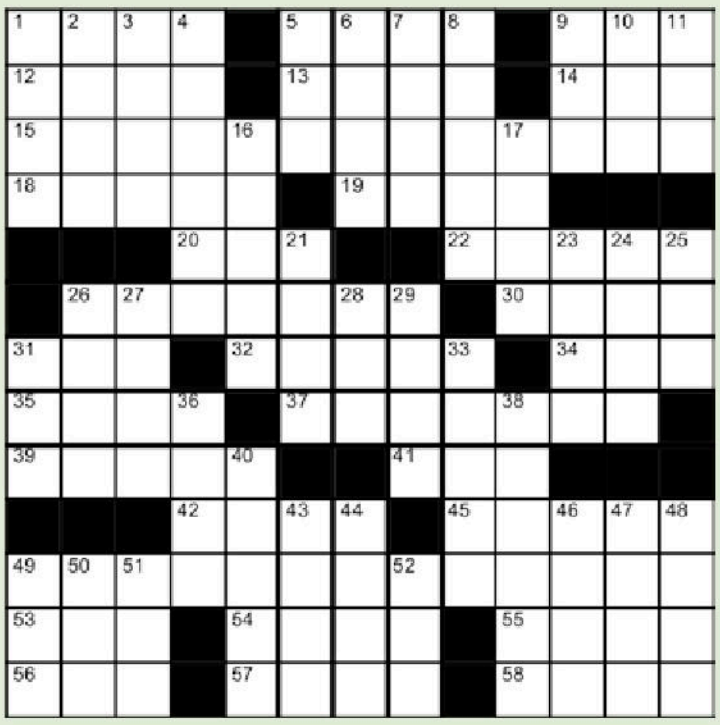


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

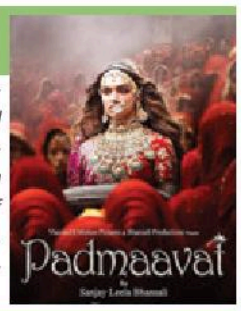
MGUBD DEX IUWD USQHQYMRQDK DEMD MYK PSQDXS ZMY EUFX

DU MZEQXNX EUYXWDRK QW DU WDXMR PQDE HUUA LBAHIXYD

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Always imitate the behavior of the winner when you lose.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



PADMAAVAT *(formerly titled Padmavati) is an epic period drama film directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Based on the epic poem Padmavat (1540) by Malik Muhammad Jayasi, the film narrates the story of Padmavati, a Rajput queen who committed jauhar to protect herself from Khilji. Deepika Padukone stars as Rani Padmavati, alongside Shahid Kapoor as Maharaja Rawal Ratan Singh and Ranveer Singh as Sultan Alauddin Khilji.*

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Jantar-Mantar	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Kanaka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Sanjeeva	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Devrantha Manushya	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Manjari	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Java	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Malegala	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
HYDERABADI			
127-B	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
HINDI			
Padmaavat	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Love A Killer Trap	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Middle Class Abbayi (MCA)	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Bhaagamathie	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Touch Chesi Chudu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Bhaagamathie	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Maze Runner: The Death Cure (E-3D)

	(S-1)	10.30 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Darkest Hour (E)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Hey Jude (M)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Devrantha Manushya (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Raju-Kannada Medium (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Chalo (Te)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Queen (Ma)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Oru Nalla Naal Paathu Solren (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Touch Chesi Chudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Shikkari Shambhu (Ma)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 2.45 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.45 pm
		5.15 pm, 8.45 pm
Maze Runner: : The Death Cure (E-2D)		
	(S-3)	7.00 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm
Touch Chesi Chudu (Te)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Rajasimha (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Devrantha Manushya (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Hey Jude (M)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Oru Nalla Naal Paathu Solren (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Raju-Kannada Medium (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.3)

The Wedding House: Exhibition, Premier Convention Hall, Premier Studios, Hunsur Road, **up to 8 pm.**

Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters: 'Hejje-Gejje,' State-level Dance Competition, Jaganmohan Palace, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handicraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Impressionz: Designers Expo, Hotel Southern Star, **up to 8 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles: Handicraft Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Cheelur Chandrashekar, National Awardee and retired teacher from Mysuru, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Staging of the play *'Makarandika Parinaya'*, directed by U.S. Ramanna, Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharat' by Pt. Sri Vijayindracharya, Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu: National Theatre Festival commemorating Silver Jubilee celebrations, Ranga Geete by Ramachandra Hadapad, Kindarajogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play *'Huli Hidida Kadasu'* by Drishyakavya, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

Ganabharathi, SPVGMC Trust, Ananya, Devageetham Trust and Yuvadhwani: Haridasotsava celebrations, Pt. Fayaz Khan inaugurates, **5.30 pm;** Hindustani vocal by Pt. Fayaz Khan, Harmonium - Pt. Prabhu Sonna, Tabla - Pt. Bhimashankar; **6 pm:** Karnatak vocal by Vid. R. N. Srilatha, Violin - Vidu. Veena Suresh, Mridanga - Vid. G. S. Ramanujam, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanayam by Vidu. Kripa Phadke and troupe, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Vokkaligeshwaraswamy Temple, Mandi Mohalla: 44th annual Linga Pratishtapana Mahotsava, Sankashtahara Chaturti Puja, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.4)

Mysuru mattu Chamarajanagar Zilla Vokkaligara Sangha and Suyog Hospital: Mega Health Camp commemorating Sri Balagangadaranatha Swamiji's Punyasmarane and Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's bith anniversary, Zilla Vokkaligara Samudaya Bhavan, Vidyaranyapuram, **9 am to 1 pm.**

Nrityalaya Trust: Felicitated to Dr. Radhika Nandakumar, Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and S.R. Ramesh, classical vocal concert by Vid. N. Srinath and party, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and K.V. Murthy chief guests, **10 am to 1 pm;** Dance by students of Nrityalaya, special dance-drama 'Sita Rama Katakshu Veekshanam' based on Kuvempu's Ramayana Darshanam by Guru Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Dr. V. Laxminarayana, a diabetes specialist and Prof. Laxmi Devamma, chief guests, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi, SPVGMC Trust, Ananya, Devageetham Trust and Yuvadhwani: Haridasotsava celebrations, Goshti gayana of Sri Purandaradasa Navaratnamalika krithis, **10 am to 11 am;** Karnatak vocal by Vid. Pavan Rangachar, Violin - Vid. K. T. Udaykiran, Mridanga - Sayishivulakshmikeshav, **11 am to 12 noon;** Rangageethe Gayana by Vid Puttannayya, Clarionet - Vid. D. Ramu, Tabla - Vid. M. S. Jayaram, Rhythm Pad - Vid. Ananthakrishna, Sahagayana - Mahima Kashyap, Nisarga, Vismaya, **12 noon to 1 pm;** Karnatak Vocal by Vid. Pavan Deep, Violin - Vid. K.T. Udaykiran, Mridanga - Vid. P. Nataraj, **1.30 pm to 2.30 pm;** Karnatac Vocal by Vid. Yogakeerthana, Violin - Vidu. M.A. Jyothi, Mridanga - Vid. V.R.R. Bharagava, **2.30 pm to 3.30 pm;** Yakshagaana Talamaddale by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru, **3.30 pm to 4.30 pm;** Harikathe by Vidu. Belur Vasanthalakshmi, Harmonium - Vid. Srinivas, Mridanga - Vid. M.S. Jayaram, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Drama "Mukutiya Mooguthi" by Charu Tanda, Script - Parvathavani, Direction - Prof. Sheelakumari, Haridasa Ganasudha - Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira, Mandolin - Vid. Vishwanath, Keyboard - Vid. shanmukha Sajja, Tabla - Vid. Bheemashankar, Rhythmpad - Vid. Vinay Rangadhol, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Hindustani Vocal by Vid. Srimathidevi, Harmonium - Vid. Nithinrajaram Shastri, Tabla - Vid. Ramesh Dhanur, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles: Handicraft Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

The Wedding House: Exhibition, Premier Convention Hall, Premier Studios, Hunsur Road, **10.30 am to 8 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handicraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Impressionz: Designers Expo, Hotel Southern Star, **11 am to 8 pm.**

Sri Panchashaneshwaraswamy Aradhana Mahotsava and Maleyalada Hutturammana Jathra: Sri Kumarachandrashekara Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Trinetra Mahanandayogi Swamiji inaugurates, Green Pendal, opposite Lalitha Mahal Hotel, Siddarthanagar, **1 pm.**

Supreme Public School: Supreme Sambramotsava, Prof. A. Balasubramanian, DoS in Earth Science, Centre for Advance Studies, UoM, inaugurates, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar chief guest, Founder-Chairman M.L. Ravindraswamy Dodmane and Principal L. Jagadish will be present, School preises, Kanakadasanagar, **4 pm.**

Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters: 'Hejje-Gejje,' 21st dance fiesta, Cine director Sudhakar Sajja, 'Gommatavani' newspaper (Shravanabelagola) Editor S.N. Ashok Kumar, retired Principal of St. Philomena's and humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda, theatre and film actor Arun Sagar and Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa chief guests, dance feature titled 'Bharata-Bahubali' by Nimishamba Dance School's Vid. Shridhar Jain of 'Apthamitra' as Bahubali and Bengaluru's Vid. Suryanarayana Rao (son-in-law of actress Vinaya Prasad) of 'Aptharakshaka' fame as Bharata, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm.**

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru: Grand Finale of Rotary Ivory Voice of Mysore, Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, **5.30 pm onwards.**

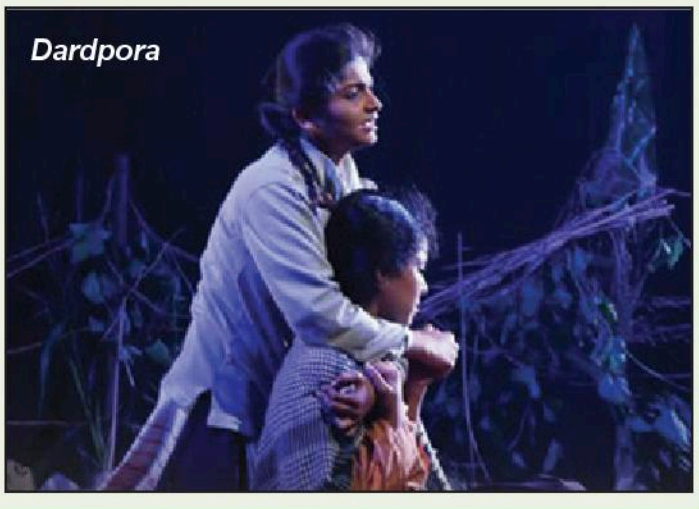
Sri Gangadhareshwara Kalasangha: Harmonium recital CD release — 'Ranga Sangeetha Sammodini' — by theatre person Mandya Ramesh and staging of mythological play 'Sangeetha Subhadra,' Centenary Hall, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

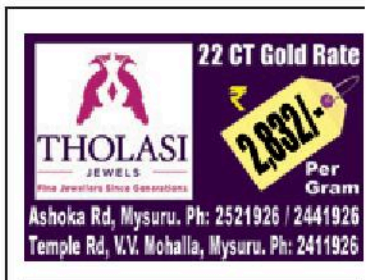
Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 31st anniversary and Thyagaraja-Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, vocal recital by Vidu. Harini Ramesh, Sri Varasiddi Vinayaka Temple, Vijayanagar, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu: National Theatre Festival commemorating Silver Jubilee celebrations, Seminar on 'Ranga-Chitraranga,' Maneyangala, Kalamandira, **10.30 am;** Staging of Hindi play *'Dardpora'* by Abhinav Kalyan-Mumbai, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

DRAMA: 'Dardpora' by Abhinav Kalyan, Mumbai.

SYNOPSIS: Dardpora is a village in Kashmir. The literal meaning is Acceptance of Pain. The story throws light on Kashmiri women's pain and suffering.





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